



## OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE

### KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



Date: November 21, 2013

Re: Methamphetamine Investigation

KCSD Complaint Number: 13-151521

On today's date at approximately 3:30 A.M., a 53 year old male arrived at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids with suspicious burns covering his hands, arms, and face. Hospital personnel questioned the subject as to how he had acquired the burns and he advised he had a fire at his residence located in the 200 block of S. Sword St SW, Cutlerville Estates Mobile Home Park in Byron Township. The male subject was being extremely vague as to what kind of fire had occurred at his residence, but did say that there were other people in the home during the fire.

St. Mary's Hospital personnel contacted the Kent County Sheriff Department to check on the well-being of anyone that could still possibly be at the residence. Kent County Deputies then contacted the Cutlerville Fire Department to respond to the scene in case there was any type of fire that was still present. Upon arrival, Kent County Deputies made contact with two subjects located outside of the residence who were observed carrying items out of the residence to an idling car that was parked in the driveway. As Deputies made contact with the subjects, it was determined that the cause of the fire stemmed from a methamphetamine lab accident that had caused the severe burns to the subject.

Once it was determined that the nature of the fire was caused from a methamphetamine lab, Kent County Vice Detectives and the Michigan State Police Meth Response Team responded to the scene to sample, neutralize, and transport any hazard waste that was located on the premises. At the time of this release there are charges pending on the three subjects for Operating/Maintaining a Methamphetamine Lab.

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